

for which a claim for priority was filed in this application on January 21, 2004. Thus, Min is not prior art, and because Akaoka alone, as admitted by the Patent Office (Office Action, page 3, lines 13-15) does not disclose or suggest the features of claims 1, 3 and 4, claims 1, 3 and 4 are patentable over Akaoka.

For at least these reasons, claims 1, 3 and 4 are patentable over the applied references, and withdrawal of the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-10 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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